

BILL NO. 15-004

ORDINANCE NO. 4684

FIRST READING 01-20-2015

SECOND READING 02-03-2015

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL, SECTION 18.32(a)(6) ALLOWING FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT SURCHARGE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS TO FOUR DOLLARS (\$4.00) PER CRIMINAL CASE INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF ANY MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, RSMo 488.607 authorizes the governing body of any county or any city having a shelter for victims of domestic violence to establish a municipal court surcharge for each criminal case, including violations of any county or municipal ordinance, and

WHEREAS, Governor Nixon recently signed a bill authorizing such cities and counties to increase the surcharge for domestic violence shelters to an amount up to \$4.00 per case, and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Missouri Law Enforcement agencies recorded 40,013 domestic violence incidents, while the Hannibal Police Department responded to 155 domestic violence calls, and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence programs in Missouri provide a safe environment for over 36,000 women and children each year, and

WHEREAS, AVENUES in Hannibal served 562 victims of domestic violence alone in 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to increase the city's municipal court surcharge for domestic violence shelters to the state-authorized limit of \$4.00 per criminal case, including violations of any municipal ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL, MISSOURI:**

**SECTION ONE:** Section 18.32(a)(6) of the Code of the City of Hannibal, Missouri is hereby amended to read as follows:

Additional fees and costs for support of a shelter for victims of domestic violence. In addition to other court costs as set out hereinabove, in every case, the court may impose an additional cost of \$4.00, which sum shall be collected and disbursed for the purpose of providing for the operating expenses for shelters for battered persons as defined in RSMo 455.200 to 455.230.

**SECTION TWO:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

  
Roy G. Hark, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Angelica N. Vance, MRCC - City Clerk